

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested, where claims 1-14 are pending. It should be noted that page 1 of the Office Action incorrectly notes that claims 1-13 are pending.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-13 have been amended for better conformance to U.S. practice, such as deleting reference numerals typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. Further, amendments include changing "characterized in that" to --wherein--, including changing spelling from British to American spelling, as well as correcting certain informalities noted upon review of the claims. Claims 1-13 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserve his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing

applications.


In the Office Action, the specification was objected to for an informality on page 7. In response, the specification has been amended to correct the informality noted by the Examiner as well as other informalities. It is respectfully submitted that objection to the specification has been overcome, and withdrawal of this objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite due to certain informalities in claims 1, 3, 5-6 and 9-13. In response, claims 1, 3, 5-6 and 9-13 have been amended to remove the informalities noted by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-13 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account

No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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